Alton Town Policy Prohibition of Firearms

POLICY: Prohibition of Firearms

PURPOSE: To ensure the safety of members and the public

SCOPE: Town of Alton Employees

SPECIFICS:

Although the State of New Hampshire permits individuals to carry firearms upon proper licensing by their local municipality, the Town of Alton by the Board of Selectmen has adopted the following policy that applies to all town employees while they are on duty whether on town property or while performing their duties in the community at large.

The following policy has been adopted to ensure safety in the work place, not only for all employees but also for the safety of the members of the public we serve either on town property or in the community at large.

The policy is intended to minimize the risk and liability that may ensue if a firearm were to be discharged either intentionally or by accident while an employee is on duty.

In no way is this policy intended to prohibit any employee's right to carry a firearm which has been properly licensed while they are off duty.

- a. The carrying of firearms of any kind is positively prohibited at any time in Alton Municipal buildings or in apparatus or while an employee is on duty no matter where the location.
- b. This prohibition does not apply to Alton Police Officers.
- c. Any employee who possesses or carries a firearm at the time of reporting for duty shall either secure any such firearm in their residence prior to reporting for duty or shall secure the firearm in their personal vehicle prior to reporting for duty. If the firearm is secured in the employee's personal vehicle, the vehicle shall be locked at all times and the firearm shall be not visible from outside the vehicle.
- d. Violations of this guideline are subject to disciplinary action including and up to termination.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2014 by:

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